



Teacher Education Forum of Aotearoa New Zealand

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Kia ora koutou, ngā mihi nui ki a koutou.

Nau mai, haere mai, welcome to the April 2019 TEFANZ newsletter.

The TEFANZ executive met on March 28th in Wellington, and this newsletter summarises what was discussed at that meeting, as well as providing information about this year's forum meeting in Christchurch and the 2020 TEFANZ/A TEA joint conference in Auckland.

We distribute this newsletter to our institution members using our membership mailing list, which notes a key person in each institution to receive such correspondence. We would appreciate it if you could share this newsletter with any people in your institution who might be interested in its content.

Changes to the Executive

After each election of executive members (at a conference year AGM) the executive appoints a chair. The chair through until the 2020 AGM is Dr. Alex Gunn of the University of Otago. Bev Cooper remains on the executive and will serve as immediate past chair. The executive thanked Bev for her steadfast and inspiring leadership of TEFANZ through very difficult times. Bev is a staunch advocate of quality teacher education and has represented us with strength in many forums.

Dr. Misty Sato from the University of Canterbury has been co-opted to the executive for 2019 as the University of Canterbury is hosting the TEFANZ forum in July this year. Having a University of Canterbury colleague as part of executive makes co-ordination of this event easier. More information about the forum is noted later.

New ITE Programme Approval, Monitoring and Review Requirements

The release of the new programme approval, monitoring and review requirements is expected this week. We have been waiting a long time for the release of the requirements and have considerable work to do, responding to them in the design of new programmes. TEFANZ is an organisation we can use to support each other in this work, through sharing ideas and advocating with the Council. Please contact an executive member if you have ideas about how we could support your institution.

The Teaching Council are proposing a collaborative process for the first tranche of programmes, with an opportunity for others to observe and learn from the process. This will

be an interesting exercise and a way to participate in development of the process for the future.

TEFANZ Forum 2019

This year's forum will take place on July 19th at the University of Canterbury. More information will follow from the organisers. Each member organisation can send four people to the Forum, which is intended to be a supportive information sharing event where we can meet and learn together. We will also extend an invitation to university deans of education and leaders in member institutions to attend, to help build a shared understanding of issues in ITE. A likely focus of this year's forum will be the introduction of 'key teaching tasks' in the new programme approval, monitoring, and review requirements and it will give us a chance to share ideas and learn about responses from other jurisdictions where similar policies have been implemented.

The executive also plans to invite colleagues working in Māori Medium programmes to caucus with them the day before the Forum (July 18th) over how TEFANZ might support aspirations in the field. We will be reaching out in the next few weeks to providers. Some financial support for attendance and hospitality was approved by the executive for this initiative.

TEFANZ/ATEA Conference: 8-10 July 2020, University of Auckland

The next TEFANZ conference will be held jointly with ATEA as a reciprocal event following last year's joint conference in Melbourne.

The conference will run from 8-10 July 2020, and will be held on the central city campus of the University of Auckland.

The theme will be 'Global Trends and Local Responses' – positioning our work in wider teacher education discourses, but also learning about the ways that teacher education is intensely local and situated in communities.

Auckland TEFANZ member institutions will shortly receive an email from Fiona seeking volunteers for the organising committee.

If anyone has suggestions of speakers they would like to hear, please let Fiona know (f.ell@auckland.ac.nz).

TEFANZ funding for research

A sub-committee of the executive has been asked to draft a research funding application process and criteria for decision making about awarding funding to be presented to executive's next meeting in July for consideration.

TEFANZ survey

The last iteration of the current TEFANZ Beginning Teacher Preparedness survey has been completed. A sub-committee of executive, led by Bev Cooper, will look at the data collected overall and how it can best be disseminated to help researchers, policy makers and the profession better understand teacher education outcomes. This sub-committee will also look at what research TEFANZ could lead in the future to support our learning about teacher preparation.

ITEAG

The Initial Teacher Education Advisory Group convened by the Teaching Council will continue to meet after the accreditation requirements have been distributed. Bev Cooper will continue to represent TEFANZ on this group.

Teacher Educator representative on Teaching Council

TEFANZ executive congratulates Jenny Ritchie on her election to the Teaching Council. Jenny is a wise and knowledgeable representative of our interests and we thank her for being prepared to serve in this capacity.

PPTA and NZEI meetings

The new twice-yearly meetings with NZEI seem to be well received by providers and by NZEI. They are a useful forum for 'joining the dots' between different parts of the system. This year's NZEI meetings will be 21st May and 26th November 10am-2pm at Education House (these dates have been circulated previously). Please let Fiona know who will be attending (f.ell@auckland.ac.nz).

PPTA meetings for secondary providers continue this year. The first of these was held on March 29th.

Education Dean's Australia Networking Trip

The university Deans of Education have invited TEFANZ to send two representatives to visit a number of Australian teacher education providers with them. We will be represented by Alex Gunn (Otago) and Tracey Hooker (WINTeC). Tracey's expenses will be paid by TEFANZ.

Please let an executive member know if you have ideas about how TEFANZ could further support your work. Kia kaha!

Fiona (on behalf of the TEFANZ executive).